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TOPIC Exercises in the Jueterbog-Markendorf Area 619068EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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REMARKS

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1. Between 24 February and 5 March 1954, many motor vehicle columns were seen in the Jueterbog-Markendorf area. They included 30 to 40 armored personnel carriers, 6 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns

which went toward Markendorf on 24 February; an AAA unit with 6 x 85-mm AA guns, which went toward Altes Lager from Jueterbog at 4:30 p.m. on 1 March; 10 to 12 AT guns, 15 to 20 armored personnel carriers and 6 armored scout cars, which went toward Altes Lager from Jueterbog at 4 p.m. on 2 March; 6 to 7 canvas-covered rocket launchers, which went toward Markendorf from Jueterbog on 3 March;

and occupied by troops carrying small arms and wearing white badges; which went toward Altes Lager at 7:40 a.m. on 4 March; and a column, which went toward Altes Lager at about 8 p.m. on 5 March.

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2. Between 25 February and 1 March, the bulk of the units stationed in the barracks installation in Jueterbog-Damm (3203) participated in a large-scale exercise in the area north of Markendorf. The exercise, which also involved units from Altes Lager, allegedly extended as far as Liesen. At 7:30 a.m. on 25 February, two columns of 1 sedan, 7 T-34/85 tanks, 1 prime mover and trucks

each occupied by about 20 troops wearing white badges on their caps; and 26 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the above mentioned white badges and carrying small arms, left the installation toward Markendorf. On 26 February, about 60 trucks,

each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and white badges and armed with rifles or submachine guns, left the installation toward Markendorf.

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During the night on 1 March, the units including tanks returned to the installation. All was quiet in the installation on 2 March.

3. At about 7 a.m. on 3 March, a column of about 40 trucks

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each occupied by about 20 troops carrying small arms, left the barracks installation in Jueterbog-Damm toward Markendorf. The troops no longer wore white badges on their caps. At about 6 p.m., the column returned to the installation.

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4. Beginning on 6 March, training in the Jueterbog-Damm installation was again normal. Prior to 13 March, 120 to 200 troops daily engaged in infantry combat practice in the training area. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] major elements of the 14th Gds Mecz Div participated in the exercise in the Brand-Jueterbog area and [REDACTED] this exercise lasted from 25 February to 4 March. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the column belonged to the 6th Gds Tank Div. [REDACTED]

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